the scheme of Balika Samriddhi Yojana, the mothers of girl children born on or after 15th August, 1997 in families below the poverty line, in rural and urban areas, are given a grant or Rs. 500/-. The main objective of the scheme is to raise the overall status of the girl child while changing family and community attitudes towards the girl child and the mothers.

Ban on Opening of New CGHS Homoeopathic Units in Delhi

967. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not opening CGHS units of Homoeopathic systems of treatment in the Capital;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to put a ban on opening of CGHS Homoeopathic units in the Capital due to non-availability of funds, medical and para-medical staff, buildings and space, manpower and medicines for the last twelve years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due attention is not being given by Government in expansion and development of CGHS Homoeopathic units in Delhi and outside Delhi; and

(d) if so, the reasons for negative attitude against this system only?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (d) The CGHS has been giving emphasis to all the systems of medicines based on the requirement, feasibility and availability of financial resorces and manpower.

The Ninth Five Year Plan has not been finalised yet. Opening of some units under Homoeopathic system of medicines had been envisaged. this would depend on the resources made available for the Ninth Five Year Plan.

De-Recognition of Government Ayurvedic College, Hyderabad

968. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government Ayurvedic College at Hyderabad is proposed to be de-recognised;

(b) if so, on what grounds; and

(c) whether the Central Council of Indian Medicines has de-recognised some other Ayurvedic colleges in the country also and, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) Government of India accord recognition to Medical qualifications granted by Medical Institutions after consulting the Central Council of Indian Medicine. The procedure for withdrawal of recognition has been laid down under Section 21 of Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970. The Government of India has not received any proposal for withdrawal of recognition from the Council. The question of withdrawal of recognition, therefore, does not arise.

Representation from Voluntary Organisation working for Family Planning and Welfare

969. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any repesentation in September/October, 1997 from Akhil Bhartiya Kutumb Kalyan Karamchari Sangh, Nasik, Maharashtra requesting for treating the staff of voluntary organisations working for family planning and welfare at par with Government servants;

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if no decision has been taken, by when Government propose to take a decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) No such representation from Akhil Bahartiya Kutumb Kalyan Karamchari Sangh, Nasik, Maharashtra is on record. However, representations on the similar subject had been received in the past. Since the staff of the voluntary organisations are the employees of the voluntary organisations who have appointed them, they are to be governed by the service conditions of the voluntary organisations concerned. Hence, such staff of the voluntary organisations working for welfare cannot be treated at par with the Government servants.

Formulation of National AIDS Policy

970. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of AIDS and HIV positive cases in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to formulate a National AIDS Policy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) A statement is enclosed (Statement-I and II) *(See* below)

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Preliminary exercise in this regard has already begun.

Statement I

National Aids Control Programme, India Aids cases in India (Reported to NACO) (As on 31st October, 1997)

S.No.	State/Union Territory	Aids Cases
1.	Andhra Pradesh	37
2.	Assam	16
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	0
4.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	0
5.	Bihar	3
6.	Chandigarh (U.T)	100
7.	Punjab	
8.	Delhi	125
9.	Daman & Diu (U.T)	1
10.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0
11.	Goa	12
12.	Gujarat	133
13.	Haryana	1
14.	Himachal Pradesh	9
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	2
16.	Karnataka	117
17.	Kerala	105
18.	Lakshadeep (U.T)	0
19.	Madhya Pradesh	134
20.	Maharashtra	2451
21.	Orissa	2
22.	Nagaland	10
23.	Manipur	286
24.	Mizoram	5
25.	Meghalaya	8
26.	Pondicherry	129
27.	Rajasthan	54
28.	Sikkim	1
29.	Tamilnadu	1092
30.	Tripura	0
31.	Uttar Pradesh	112
32.	West Bengal	57
		5002

Statement II

Sero-Surveillance for HIV Infection Period of report upto: 31st October, 1997 (Provisional)

S.No.	Name	Screened	Positive	Sero Positivity rate (Per thousand)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	73418	693	9.44
2.	Assam	12716	172	13.53